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CURRENT EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE

THE advent of the first number of *The Journal of the Archæological Institute of America* from the press of the Macmillan Company will be hailed with delight by classicists who are in any way concerned about the institution of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome. This journal now succeeds and replaces the *American Journal of Archæology*, which has rendered such valuable service in its field, and is to be known as the *American Journal of Archæology*, second series: *The Journal of the Archæological Institute of America*, and becomes the organ of the American Institute of Archæology and the Schools of Classical Studies at Athens and Rome. The three institutions will be represented in the editorial staff. This arrangement insures greater unity and uniformity in the publications of the institute and classical schools which have heretofore been issued by various publishers and in various forms.

The first number of the second series is very properly devoted to the first annual report of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome. The various documents presented in the report contain a complete survey of the proceedings relating to the founding of the school, together with a careful account of its first year's work in Rome. These documents are the first annual report of the Managing Committee, reports of Director Hale and of Associate Director Frothingham. Though we are informed in the report of the Managing Committee that for financial reasons the present foundation is an experiment of only three years, yet on reading in the reports of the directors an account of the rather extensive and very excellent work done the first year, one becomes confident that American generosity will not let the school long want for a liberal, permanent endowment.

We learn from the director's report that the work of the first year included "courses in topography, classical archæology — both pagan and Christian, — epigraphy, numismatics, and palæography; actual work at manuscripts in the library of the Vatican; two months in Greece, with excursions with Dörpfeld for seven out of the ten fully enrolled students; and ten days in Pompeii and the museum at Naples under Mau." The school in its first year's work made permanent contributions to classical knowledge. The discovery of Director Hale brought to light what will doubtless prove to be the best extant manuscript of Catullus. Secondly, the school under the direction of Professor Frothingham had casts made of the Triumphal Arch of Trajan at Beneventum, one of "the foremost works of Roman sculpture." These casts are among the largest of the kind ever made in Italy, if not the largest. From them reproductions can be made for American institutions.

Again, Professor Frothingham began the exploration of the site of ancient Narbo whose walls of Cyclopean style still remain. A system of military roads were discovered and traced in various directions. Permission to make excavations could not be obtained, so the world must await the action of the Italian government for a probable discovery of pre-Etruscan monuments.

The report closes with a list of faculty and students, of contributors to current expenses, statement of the regulations of the school and circular of information to students, including account of the fellowships.

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NOTES

THE WATCHWORD CLUB.—Professor Denney, of Ohio State University, lectured recently to the students on "Self-Cultivation in English," emphasizing the fact that each student can give himself a valuable training by simply watching his own conversation. At the close of the lecture the professor proposed and declared adopted the following constitution of a new club to be called the Watchword Club.

Constitution.—Article 1. The object of this club shall be self-improvement and mutual improvement in the use of spoken words, and the elevation of the intellectual and moral tone of the university by means of a purified vocabulary.

Art. 2. All students of the university are hereby declared active members of the club, without regard to race, color, sex, or previous condition of servitude.

Art. 3. There shall be no officers of this club, no dues, and no learned papers.

Art. 4. The meetings of this club shall be regular, special, and accidental meetings. The regular meetings shall be held in sections at every recitation hour of each university day. The special meetings shall be held at all other student gatherings. Accidental meetings shall be held whenever and wherever two students chance to meet and speak to each other.

Art. 5. The business of this club shall be transacted entirely by committees of one, each committee to be known and designated by the surname of its member, to wit, the Jones committee, the Brown committee, the Smith committee, etc. And there shall be as many of these committees as there are members of the club.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Jones committee to watch Jones; to prevent Jones from using any more than one piece of slang a month; to resist Jones when he shows a tendency to become incoherent in conversation; to compel Jones when making a recitation to express himself in complete sentences and not in ejaculations, grunts, groans, single words, or broken pieces